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Albania, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia and Turkey: draft resolution

United Nations Year for Tolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Charter of the United Nations affirms in its preamble that to practise tolerance is one of the principles to be applied to attain the ends pursued by the United Nations of preventing war and maintaining peace,

Recalling also that one of the purposes of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter is the achievement of international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Mindful of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and of the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ See resolution 2100 A (XXI), annex.

Noting with appreciation resolution 5.6 of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, concerning the proclamation of 1995 as the United Nations year for tolerance,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1992/267 of 30 July 1992 and of the note by the Secretary-General, 3/

Bearing in mind its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 concerning guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

1. Welcomes the initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in proclaiming 1995 United Nations year for tolerance;

2. Requests the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare, in cooperation with other interested organizations, his suggestions on the observance of the United Nations year of tolerance and to submit them to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council,

3. Invites the Economic and Social Council to consider at its next session the question of proclaiming 1995 as the United Nations year for tolerance and to inform the General Assembly of its recommendation at its forty-eighth session,

4. Encourages the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare, in accordance with its General Conference resolution 5.6, a declaration on tolerance;

5. Decides to consider the issue at its forty-eighth session.

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